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STORM CAUSES TEMPORARY POWER OUTAGE, DAMAGE TO KINPLEX

Medicine Hat – The City of Medicine Hat Kinplex arena is closed until further notice.

High winds during a sudden storm Friday afternoon lifted a portion of the Kinplex roof exposing insulation. City crews are on hand to secure the site and to begin cleaning up and assessing the damage.

No one was in the Kinplex building when the roof damage occurred.

The Kinplex arena roof was inspected in the spring as part of the City's annual roof maintenance program. The inspection did not find any deficiencies in the roof.

Friday's storm also temporarily disrupted power to approximately 2,000 Electric Utility customers in the Riverside, South Vista, Hamptons and SW Industrial areas between 5 p.m. and 6:33 p.m.

Two feeders that supply power to these areas were damaged by broken tree branches at 5 p.m. Crews restored power to all customers at 6:33 p.m.

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